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Shattered Glass, Vandalism in Towers Parking Lot

BY JADA F. SMITH
Nation & World Editor

Junior accounting major, Auburn Finney woke up Wednesday morning to find the driver side window of her Nissan Altima parked in the Howard Plaza Towers East parking lot shattered to pieces.

Though it is not the first time a car parked in the Towers parking lot has been broken into, it was the first time 17 cars were vandalized in one night.

"I walked out to my car and campus police was already there and metro police was there in a different parking lot," Finney said. "They were making re-

ports. It was about 12 cars that had their windows taken out."

Although nothing was stolen from her car, she is concerned that an assailant was able to successfully damage so many cars in one night without being noticed.

"If someone has time to break into one window, I understand. But for them to have time to do 12 cars, I feel like, where was security," she said. "I pay \$240 to park there. I feel like if I pay to park, I should have security watching my car. The lot is dirty and unsafe. I don't understand what I'm paying for."

Campus Police sent out an alert Wednesday afternoon warning students

about the wave of area vandalism.

Chief Investigator, Lorraine Kittrell said that 17 of the break-ins took place around the main campus, and four occurred at Mays Hall.

"Basically what we found is that someone just goes around smashing windows," Kittrell said. "If there's items to be stolen, then they steal them."

She said that Campus Police is doing the best they can to make the parking lots and areas around campus safe, but is also asking students to make smart decisions when leaving a car unattended.

"We're asking victims not to leave valuables in plain view. Don't leave them

in the trunk, but take them with you," Kittrell said. "Park in well lit and well traveled areas if possible. Also notify campus police if you see anyone suspicious."

However, Finney thinks campus and parking lot security should be the responsibility of the campus police, not students.

Finney told *The Hilltop* that other students whose cars' had been broken into were not properly informed about the incident.

"I went back out there and I realized a lot of the cars had not been touched," Finney said. "My friend wasn't

notified by the towers or campus police or anybody, she just happened to walk by and see her car broken into."

Notices were placed on the windshields of the damaged cars, informing them to call campus police for further details about making a claim, a process that Finney finds unacceptable.

"All they do is put a little note on your window to call campus police to make your claim," she said. "What good is a note on your window?"

Finney continued, "I'm paying for campus parking and you can't even notify me that my car has been broken into? That's a problem."

Ribeau Addresses the Issues of the Howard Community



President Ribeau plans to increase the relations between faculty, staff and students in an attempt to make Howard a paradigm.

BY COLLEEN THOMAS
Contributing Writer

Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau, President of Howard University attended his first full senate meeting Wednesday and was greeted with warm welcomes from faculty and staff. Ribeau began by introducing his cabinet which he refers to as his "power group and support team," which was exactly what he needed by the close of his address as faculty came forth with grievances from years past of H. Patrick Swygert's presidency.

Ribeau said he is not concerned about the past but rather concerned about today and what can be done to make progressive moments to ensure the productivity of the future. He also stressed the sense of unity and teamwork with the entire Howard community.

"Sidney Ribeau cannot make it happen, but collectively it is possible," he said.

He also suggests that as Howard University was a leader in academia in the past our role today should not be altered, saying, "If you lead in a profound way people will want to follow you. We should be a model for other HBCUs."

He certainly has the support of some faculty members in his vision, such as Dr. Taft Broome, professor in the School of Engineering. Broome said "We carry on our legacy, we have

a number of talented students."

The United States is no longer the premier location for higher learning, and Ribeau said he wants to take progressive steps to ensure that Howard will not only continue to be competitive among the growing number of universities and colleges throughout the world but also become more competitive than in years past.

"I want us to be one of the top 50 research universities in the U.S.," Ribeau said.

He also said he has intentions of multiplying our community impact, getting involved internationally, gaining the support of other institutions and alumni, improving relations between faculty and staff and offering more financial aid for students.

With university expenses up eight percent and revenue only at 1.4 percent, the university is spending more than it is making. Tuition makes up a large portion of the universities revenue but Ribeau wants to keep tuition costs down, saying, "We want to find additional scholarships and keep tuition costs down so that education is affordable."

Some staff members have become sympathetic to the constant disrespect students have been victims of in the administration building, and decided to speak up on behalf of the students.

There is a new initiative in action called, "Students First" which will

work to provide better service to all students.

According to Ribeau, "If they want to slow down progression then they probably do not need to be in that position," returning to his point of improving relations between staff and students, to create a more productive work environment.

Thomas Heinbockel, Ph.D., assistant professor in the College of Medicine said, "I think he [Ribeau] did well in addressing the major issues, considering he has been here only two and a half months. He has a good assessment of things and vision for progress in the next 10 to 15 years."

Many of Howard's issues did not develop overnight therefore the improvements will not happen overnight, there are however many plans of execution to improve the entire Howard community.

Broome suggests students engage in a series of forums, discussing what a university is, what Howard is, and where is Howard going. He said, "Make it a scholarly adventure to come up with your own conclusions and share them with faculty and staff."

Ribeau and some of the staff agree the Howard community needs to work as a collective group. Ribeau said, "We need to stop pointing fingers of blame but start finding solutions to better the university."

HU Offers Heated Debate on Obama



A panel discussion turned into a heated debate when an audience member suggested an affiliation between Barack Obama and author Saul D. Alinsky, a community organizer in 1920's Chicago. Audience member, Brian Amen a Capital Hill employee suggested that Obama used ideology from Alinsky's 1971 book *Rules for Radicals* in his campaign.

The panel, which consisted of five Obama supporters and one McCain supporter refuted notions that Obama is a socialist.

School of Communications dean Jeanette Dates moderated the discussion, which was cosponsored by the *Washington Post*.

- Compiled by Natalie Thompson

Executive Order Rules on Student Run Organizational Funding

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

Executive Order 0001 has been deemed unconstitutional as the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) executive branch, headed by President Nicholas Owen, acted too quickly to exclude the other branches of student government.

On Tuesday evening, the HUSA Policy Board held a hearing to address a grievance filed against the executive branch of HUSA by Edward Williams, senior international business major. His grievance was filed after the executive order bypassed the HUSA General Assembly in the approval process for funding. The order immediately granted organizations their funding.

Late Wednesday evening, the HUSA Policy Board handed down a decision for the hearing that would suspend the Executive Order 0001 for 72 hours. This suspension will give the HUSA General Assembly until 3 calendar day to decide on the funding in a formal meeting. If the General Assembly failed to meet within the allotted days, the funding will be approved under Executive Order 0001.

The order was issued due to the failure of the assembly to meet prior to the approval of organizational funding.

Reached by a unanimous vote of the Policy Board, the decision reads, "The Board was asked to consider two issues: whether an Executive Officer has the power to issue an Executive Order that addresses financial concerns of the student body under the HUSA Constitution and whether Mr. Owen exceeded his Constitutional bounds when he issued Executive Order 0001."

"It was decided that under the HUSA Constitution, an Executive Officer may issue an Executive Order that passes an Organization Funding Budget that has not been approved by the General Assembly. However, the order may be issued only af-

ter that officer has exhausted all reasonable avenues to ensure the General Assembly has had the opportunity to exercise its right to approve, or disapprove, the budget."

"Here, we believe Mr. Owen did not exhaust all reasonable avenues to ensure the budget was passed by the General Assembly before issuing Executive Order 0001 and was therefore in violation of Article IV, Section 1, Clause A(g) of the HUSA Constitution."

Williams believes that the decision was fair.

"I feel that they upheld the constitution and understand the importance of acting in accordance to the governing doctrine of law. I feel that they did what was best for the students at Howard now, in the past, and in the years to come," he said.

The decision continued, "What is most unfortunate is the effect these proceedings have had on the student body. Members of the General Assembly are elected student government officials. Students entrust these individuals to represent the student body to the best of their ability, and the General Assembly has failed them. The Executive Branch's late submission of the budget and disregard for the Constitutional procedures that govern its approval was equally as futile to the goal of getting student organizations funding. In short, the inefficiency surrounding the approval of the budget falls on both the Executive and the General Assembly, and as a result, student organizations will now be without funding for even longer."

Owen said, "This decision still does not rectify providing funds in a timely manner. This decision shows that we have a lot of bureaucracy in student government. Student leaders are not here for the students, but they are here to hear themselves speak."

Owen will request that both Policy Board and General Assembly meet this Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. respectively. Students are welcome to both meetings.

'Brother to Brother' Continues 19 Years of District Youth Outreach

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Staff Writer

For over a decade, the men of Beta Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. have been motivating young men to ditch the myth of predetermined failure and go to college.

Embarking on its 19th year of service to the African-American male community, the Brother to Brother Youth Conference will be held on Nov. 21-22.

"The conference started in 1990 to motivate more black males to go to college," said Craig Allen, the Brother to Brother chair. "Looking at the deficit of black males on college [campuses] such as Howard University, you see that there is a need for programs such as this."

Francis Roberts, the president

of Beta Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., explained an incident in which he was at the Howard University Bookstore and a young man approached him and explained that the program inspired him to attend college, specifically Howard.

"I have a similar story," Allen said. "I was at the University of the District of Columbia about two weeks ago. I met this guy by the name of Al, who is a student there currently, working for the Washington, D.C. government. He was telling me that it was such a beneficial program and he wanted to make sure that we were continuing it. He even volunteered his services."

Brother to Brother boasts a volunteer staff of approximately 300 men and women.

In a meeting held Tuesday eve-

ning, volunteers filled all the seats of the digital auditorium, listening intensely as they learned how they, too, could help make a difference.

The volunteers cited examples of troubled backgrounds and overall interests as their reasons for helping.

"Brother to Brother changes lives," Roberts said.

According to junior supply chain management major Lawrence Ball, Brother to Brother has received recognition from the superintendent of education for the D.C. Public Schools, D.C. Charter School Association and support from the Metropolitan Police Department and Planned Parenthood.

The conference also boasts a sponsorship roster of over 50 big-name companies and individuals, including Chipotle and Magic Johnson.

The conference itself consists of two days of programming, fun and food.

"Basically, what happens is we bus students from all over the D.C. area to Howard University," Allen said. "They attend workshops geared towards motivation. We pretty much give them the experience of what it's like to be on a college campus."

Roberts said, "In addition to the workshops, we try to have something that is a bit more fun. For example, two years ago, we took them to the Jay-Z concert that was happening in the back of Blackburn. Things like that can really impact a young man's decision to go to college."

Allen said that this year, they will take the young men to the last football game and have a brother-to-brother luncheon.

The program hopes to bring in 500 D.C. youth from various schools.

"The good thing about this year is that if an individual does not necessarily attend one of the schools, they can register as an individual," Roberts said. "It's not just aimed at specific schools."



File Photo

Beta Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. plans to host its 19th Annual Brother to Brother conference.

2nd Annual Law School Fair Brings Recruiters to Students

Howard Alum instrumental in bringing Mid-Atlantic Pre-Law Conference, hosting 100 law schools and law firm recruiters



Jazelle Hunt - Staff Photographer

Recruit For Law School Inc., in association with the School of Communications Student Council hosted the 2nd annual Mid-Atlantic Pre Law Conference yesterday in the Blackburn Center. The one-day event featured workshops, a luncheon and a law school fair.

The conference is the brainchild of Recruit for Law School Inc., executive director Aaron Taylor, who is also the Dean of Admissions at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law School, and a Howard Law alum. Two years ago, Taylor reached out to then School of Communications Student Council president Nicholas Owen to bring his initiative to a wider audience. This year, the conference boasted over 100 law schools, two law firms, 400 preregistered students from all over the country and many more attendees and participants.

"Even in this economic uncertainty the legal profession is stable," said Faith Ohal, the event director. "It's almost a necessity."

- Compiled by Jazelle Hunt, staff photographer



Linsey Isaacs - Assistant Campus Editor

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Inc. and the international fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Iota Rho Chapter hosted their own 'Charm School' to teach proper business etiquette.

Business Etiquette, 'Charm School' Come Together in Blackburn

BY LINSEY ISAACS
Asst. Campus Editor

Campus unity and professionalism were key aspects in Wednesday night's interactive Charm School.

The forum was held in Blackburn Auditorium and it left a crowd of students in laughter and also educated them throughout the night.

"I enjoyed the event. It was a great way to learn about what to do, or rather what not to do in business situations," said sophomore political science major Brett Star. "I'd like to see the event next year."

The event was part of the first annual "Royal Rendezvous: Purple and Gold" week, hosted by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in conjunction with Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Inc. and the international fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Iota Rho Chapter.

Delta Sigma Pi spearheaded the night's activities, and as a business fraternity, made an effort to teach students business etiquette at dinners, interviews and how to conduct oneself in a proper manner.

"This was a collaborative effort throughout the entire week," said program coordinator Tori McGee, a senior business management major. "We're a professional organization, so we try to educate people on the importance of being professional in every business and non-business setting. The creative design behind this was making sure it was interactive and fun and people were learning at the same time."

The week of events included a financial seminar Monday, as well as a black panel discussion Tuesday.

"Today we tried to switch it up since the first two events were more serious," said junior marketing major Jason Lloyd, treasurer for Omega Psi Phi and one of the program coordinators

for the event. "We just had some fun with professional etiquette."

A series of comical skits was presented to the audience, blatantly pointing out the do's and don'ts of how prospective employees should and should not act.

After a series of skits, the audience was then broken into groups to present their own plays. Topics ranged from how to market oneself to future employers, elevator speech and proper attire and actions both inside the office and out.

"Half the stuff I already knew, but it was definitely a reinforcement," said sophomore electrical engineering major Daley Gunter. "I liked the event though, the creativeness and teamwork of the groups."

Students enjoyed the direct interaction with the panel, especially when a winning group was named and given a special prize after the event.

Presenting on sexual harassment in the office and how to handle it, the group was given gift certificates to the Cheesecake Factory. Their winning was well-deserved.

"I liked the group that won, they were hilarious," said sophomore biology major Tochi Odocha. "I learned a lot, what to do, what not to do in interviews."

Many of the students shared the same sentiments, and the audience reaction was a plus for the coordinators.

"This has been the most people here since the week events started," McGee said. "We're really excited about the promotion and the attendance for the day. People seem really excited to be here. Hopefully we'll be back next year."

Purple and gold week will end tonight in with the forum "Crucial Conflict: The Black American Soundtrack."

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- Ed Bradley



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Phillies Reign As World Champs



Ron Cortes-Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in a high paced three-inning sprint Wednesday night to become the reigning 2008 World Series Champions. Cole Hamels was awarded the title of MVP.

This is the second World Series championship for the team, their first championship win was against Kansas City in 1980. Although this is only the second win for the team, the Phillies are the oldest continuous, one-name, one-city franchise in all of American professional sports.

- Compiled by Afya Hosten, Copy Editor

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- Tommy Lasorda,
baseball legend



The Biz

It's Your Birthday!

BY CHARLES TAYLOR
Contributing Columnist

At its core, what is business really all about? Profit? Power? Success? No, I'm just kidding. While all that stuff is important, business is really about one simple thing — solving problems. The entire purpose of any company is to solve or alleviate a problem. It's that simple. Everything from software companies, to financial services firms, to mom-and-pop stores exist solely to provide a solution to an issue. The most successful companies first examine themselves to determine what they're best at, then figure out what problem they're best at solving. So, what's the point of all this? What does this really mean to you?

I attended the Thurgood Marshall Leadership Conference this weekend and I learned a few things about life. One important concept was this: There are two truly important days in your life. Both are your birthday. One is your literal birthday, i.e., the day you were born. The other is the day you discover your purpose — the day that you realize why you're here on Earth. It's the day that you realize what problem your unique talents make you especially equipped to tackle.

We're all looking to answer the question, "What is my purpose?" and unfortunately, few people ever find the answer. I can't promise that I'll direct you to your answer, but hopefully, I can help you figure it out. I believe that if you can answer these three questions, you'll be that much closer to finding — and then living your purpose.

What would you do for free?

Answering just this question can shed a lot of light on who you really are. We all dedicate ourselves to our work, whether it be because we truly love what we do or because of money, prestige, etc. Consider for a moment what job you would do even if you weren't paid. Imagine you have \$5 billion sitting in the bank. After the novelty wears off, what work do you think you'd commit yourself to? What would you exert yourself and spend your energy on? What great cause excites you? The key word here is passion. What are you passionate about?

What will your legacy be?

Death is inevitable; it's sad but true. I think it's valuable to work backward from death. I know it sounds a little crazy, but imagine who you want to be, what you want to accomplish and what impact you want to have on the world. Then, work backward from that, determining what steps you need to take to get there. See your better self in your mind's eye and figure out how you can become that person. Begin with the end in mind.

When did you last feel truly fulfilled?

Think back to that special moment when you truly felt satisfied with your life. Had you accomplished some big goal, made someone smile or surmounted some obstacle? Consider the details and the circumstances. Then, think about how you can make that happen again. Try to replicate that moment. How did your passion and natural talents combine to truly make a difference in your own life or someone else's?

You will only be truly great if you do those things which you have great passion for, and in turn, you will only be passionate about those things that give you a sense of fulfillment — that make you feel as if you have made a genuine contribution to mankind.

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Airfares At Their Highest for Holidays

BY TERRI MAXON
The Dallas Morning News (MCT)

Senior medicine major Michael Harrison doesn't know if he's going home for turkey. Junior political science major Brandon Knight said he's going to see family in South Carolina, but he is going by train. Sophomore marketing major Vance Lewis is heading home to Pennsylvania ... in his car.

"... [T]aking the train can be a hassle," Lewis explained. "You have to carry a bunch of luggage on the Metro first, and then on the train. Then, I have to take a train from Philly to where I live."

Average airfares on domestic routes have reached their highest level in the 13 years they've been tracked by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the DOT said Wednesday.

The department said the average domestic fares reached \$352 in the second quarter, up 8.1 percent from the same period in 2007. That number beats the previous high of \$348 set in first quarter 2001, just before the industry plunged into a prolonged recession.

Knight said he had to succumb to buying a train ticket to South Carolina for the Thanksgiving break versus paying \$517 for a flight.

The train ride cost him \$250, though. He paid for his girlfriend to come eat with the family, too, he said.

"It was way too expensive to fly," Knight said. "I had to break down and buy a train ticket

for half the price to flying."

DOT said the highest average fares were paid by passengers flying out of Cincinnati, at \$595. That number represents the one-way fares or half of a round-trip fare. Next was Greenville/Spartanburg, S.C., \$568; Knoxville, Tenn., \$524; Madison, Wis., \$468 and Grand Rapids, Mich., \$461.

Dallas Love Field Airport had the lowest average fares at \$221, followed by Burbank, Calif., \$252; Houston Hobby, \$256; Chicago Midway and

Oakland, Calif., \$257.

The results underscore the success that U.S. airlines have had in raising average fares, an effort that picked up speed as the carriers dealt with dramatically higher fuel prices in latter 2007 and through much of 2008.

In third-quarter earnings reports, the carriers touted their higher passenger revenues despite cuts in capacity or pullbacks in growth rates. In addition, they as a group are bringing in billions of dollars through new fees

for checking bags, better seat assignments, onboard sales and other items.

"When I do fly, I fly Southwest," Knight said. "They don't charge for the first or second bag, that's why I fly with them all the time, besides their cheap airfare."

With driving, Lewis said, "I can just put it all in the car and drive straight to my house, and luckily gas prices are pretty low right now."

— additional reporting by Christina L. Burton, Business & Technology Editor



Passengers get in line to check luggage at Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C. Most airlines are charging fees for two or more bags. (MCT)

41

percent of workers plan on voting after work

28

percent of workers engaged in a debate with a co-worker about this year's election

31

percent of workers plan on voting before work



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63

percent of workers keep political affiliations to themselves at work

14

percent of workers will vote during the workday

21

percent of workers' employers don't allow displaying of candidates' materials while at work

87

percent of female workers will vote

86

percent of male workers will be voting

53

percent of workers would re-elect their company's current president

47

percent of workers would elect a new president for the company they work for

89

percent of Midwestern U.S. workers say they will be voting

87

percent of Western U.S. workers say they will be voting



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86

percent of Northeastern and Southern U.S. workers say they will be voting

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Students Fathers Face the Pressures of Parenthood

BY GENET LAKEW AND
CANDACE SMITH
Staff Writer & Contributing Writer

Famed actor Will Smith once said, "There's so much negative imagery of black fatherhood. I've got tons of friends that are doing the right thing by their kids, and doing the right thing as a father."

Howard University alum James Hogue refuses to let his son fall among the millions of children in the United States living without a father.

"I am involved in every aspect of his life," said Hogue, referring to his 13-month-old son Justin.

During the summer before his senior year, 22-year-old Hogue's life changed forever. He assumed an entirely new — but significant — title: father.

In 1960, 5 million children were fatherless. To date, that number has grown to 16.6 million children, according to www.thedadcircuit.org.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that lack of a paternal figure puts children at higher risk for unhealthy lifestyle choices such as teen pregnancy, crime and drug and alcohol abuse.

The number of single fathers has also increased to 2.3 million, up from 400,000 in 1970, according to www.fatherhood.gov.

For sophomore economic major Pierre Whatley, the biggest struggle is overcoming his own father's absence and trying not to become an absentee father himself.

Though Whatley does not currently live with his son, he is taken care of by Whatley's mother in Georgia while he finishes college.

"I'll miss his first steps," he said. "I guess I feel a sense of loss for the small things."

As a teenage parent, Whatley's situation is not uncommon. In D.C., although the rate of teenage pregnancy among females has decreased, the percentage of absent teenage fathers remains at 80 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

And, according to the National Principals Association, fatherless children go on to constitute 71 percent of high school dropouts.

"Nowadays, all kids have to look up to are athletes and musicians," Hogue said. "I definitely wanted to become a role model [for my son]. I wanted to image myself after my stepfather."

Preparing himself to become the committed and involved father he was determined to be was not easy for Hogue. He had to clear out many activities from his daily schedule in order to make room for fatherhood. He left his position in the HU Showtime Marching Band. He also had to put in more hours at work to cover upcoming baby expenses.

"What made it easier was that his mother and I worked hand-in-hand with everything," he said. "We were very supportive of one another if we had something to do."

Hogue and the mother of his child are not currently together but they share an amicable relationship. They talk often and get along great, trusting each other with the responsibility of caring for their son.

"At the same time, I know there is room for improvement," Hogue said. "I'm learning and there are things I could do better."



Courtesy of James Hogue

Studies have found the importance of father figures for kids, studies say teenagers who grow up without fathers make up 71 percent of high school dropouts and are at a higher risk for substance abuse.

Look for Howard Professor, Alum on Local Election Ballots Next Tuesday

BY JASMINE WALLACE
Contributing Writer

Washingtonians will be voting for more than their favorite presidential candidate on Tuesday.

This year three seats on city council and two at-large positions are up for grabs.

Among the candidates three democrats turned independents, a republican and a Howard University professor are in the running for city government.

"We really need somebody who is going to decide on their own to vote and not let the Mayor rally them into anything," said Ward 3 resident Elaine Newman.

"Public education that's what I really want to see and I think the University of D.C. should be able to have more people," Newman said.

Incumbent At-Large council member Kwame Brown (D) is one of the four members up for re-election.

Brown's platform pledges to continue improving education, affordable housing, economic equality, reducing crime, workforce enhancement, environmental initiatives and revitalizing neighborhoods.

Along with Brown, three democrats turned independents are hoping to allocate a multi-party system.

Dee Hunter is a Howard Law School Alum and has also been an Advisory Neighborhood Council Commissioner for eight years. Under his platform he plans to help to ensure successful reform in the D.C. school system.

"I think the best way to make sure a child has the best education is to involve the parents. That's why we want to mandate teacher parent conferences for students who are failing," Hunter said.

Independent Mark Long, a fourth generation Washingtonian plans to focus on public safety, public health, economic development, fiscal responsibility and social services.

"If we educate our children we will possibly decrease the public safety issue," Long said.

Former mayoral candidate Michael Brown is the son of former Democratic Party Chairman Ron Brown and surrogate speaker for Barack Obama.

Under his platform Brown promises to fight to strengthen the educational system, protect senior citizens and demand economic development and to create a safer city.

Howard professor David Schwartzman is the only candidate from the D.C. Statehood Green Party running for office.

Schwartzman said the most important aspect within the D.C. community is

child poverty.

The District of Columbia has the highest income gap in the nation and the lowest life expectancy. We have serious problems in our school system and the root cause is child poverty," Schwartzman stated.

Patrick Mara and incumbent Carol Schwartz are the only republicans on the ballot.

Schwartz's name, however, will not appear on Tuesday's ballot due to her loss against Mara in the primaries.

Schwartz, who has served 15 years on city council, is running as a write-in candidate.

"I want to keep working hard for the residence I love in a city I love," Schwartz said.

Council member Schwartz recently hired Tom Lindenfeld the political consultant who helped Mayor Adrian Fenty win in 2006.

Mara has used his grassroots campaign and successful financial backing to give him the momentum in order to beat out his competitor during the primaries.

Under his platform "Fiscally responsible, socially progressive." Mara hopes to continue D.C. school reforms, fight as a fiscal watchdog, make D.C. Green, create jobs, reduce crime and demand transparency in all district government action.

D.C. Officials Strive to Put A Stop to Online Predators

BY TY AXSON
Contributing Writer

In an effort to combat the growth of Internet based sexual crimes against children, D.C.'s Attorney General joined forces with the U.S. Attorney's Office to provide Internet safety presentations to school children and their parents.

The Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia (OAG) offers 20 to 30 minute presentations offering tips and guidelines to inform students about the dangers of Internet surfing while teaching proper ways to navigate the internet safely.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reports that approximately one in seven youths have received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet.

"The protection of District children from internet predators is paramount," said acting Attorney General Peter Nickles. "This partnership with the United States Attorney's Office allows us to increase the number of available trained volunteers and to raise

awareness about the program."

For younger children, presenters use 3-D animation and interactive games.

For teenagers, the presentations include personal accounts of teens who have dealt with inappropriate online offenses as well as success stories from those who avoided them.

The Project Safe Childhood Initiative (PSCI) emphasizes partnerships with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children.

The program allows local communities the freedom to design and implement programs that are uniquely tailored to areas needs. Many school teachers and administrators are continually faced with the challenge of keeping kids safe while using the Internet as an educational resource.

"Our kids receive numerous presentations from different organizations like the local police, FBI etc... They do a good job of making kids aware," said Bobby Caballero Dean of Students at E.W. Stokes public charter school.

"This partnership with the allows us to increase the number of available trained volunteers and to raise awareness about the program"
-Peter Nickles

Glitches in Cash Incentive Program Lessens Money for Students

BY BRITNEY BREWINGTON
Contributing Writer

Mayor Fenty and Chancellor Michelle Rhee recently addressed students and faculty at Shaw and at Garnet-Patterson Middle School on the first payday of the Capital Gains Program, the cash incentive program for middle school students.

After its October launch in 15 middle schools in the D.C. Public School System (DCPS) many were awaiting the early results..

Glitches with the program allowed Garnet Patterson students the opportunity to received only \$43 in rewards. Students are able to earn up to \$100 every two weeks for good academics and behavior.

According to Chancellor Rhee's office, the student's checks were not accurate due to a computer error that shorted them on behavior and attendance. The students will see the addition to their next checks for the mistake. In total, Capital Gains distributed \$137,813 to schools in the program, backed by D.C. and Harvard University's Dr. Fryer.

Whether many believe the cash incentive program is the correct solution

or not is up for debate, but Chancellor Rhee said she found the answer in cash, after distributing over \$4,050 to eager students.

Aware of the controversy surrounding the program, Rhee took the time to address her decision.

"When you are in the situation we are in with the District -- where literally 12 percent of 8th graders in this city are reading on grade level, and 8 percent are doing math on grade level -- that's incredibly problematic. So, it's not going to be one thing that's going to fix that problem its going to be multiple approaches," Rhee said.

Mayor Fenty began the program congratulating students and asking if they in fact, like money.

Rhee congratulated the school on having the biggest turnaround amongst middle schools in the city.

Next month payouts will be deposited into bank accounts for the students.

For Garnet-Patterson, 7th grader Alesha Whitted, the Capital Gains program is like an early Christmas gift.

"I was really excited in the beginning that they were going to give us money just for getting good grades," Whitted said.

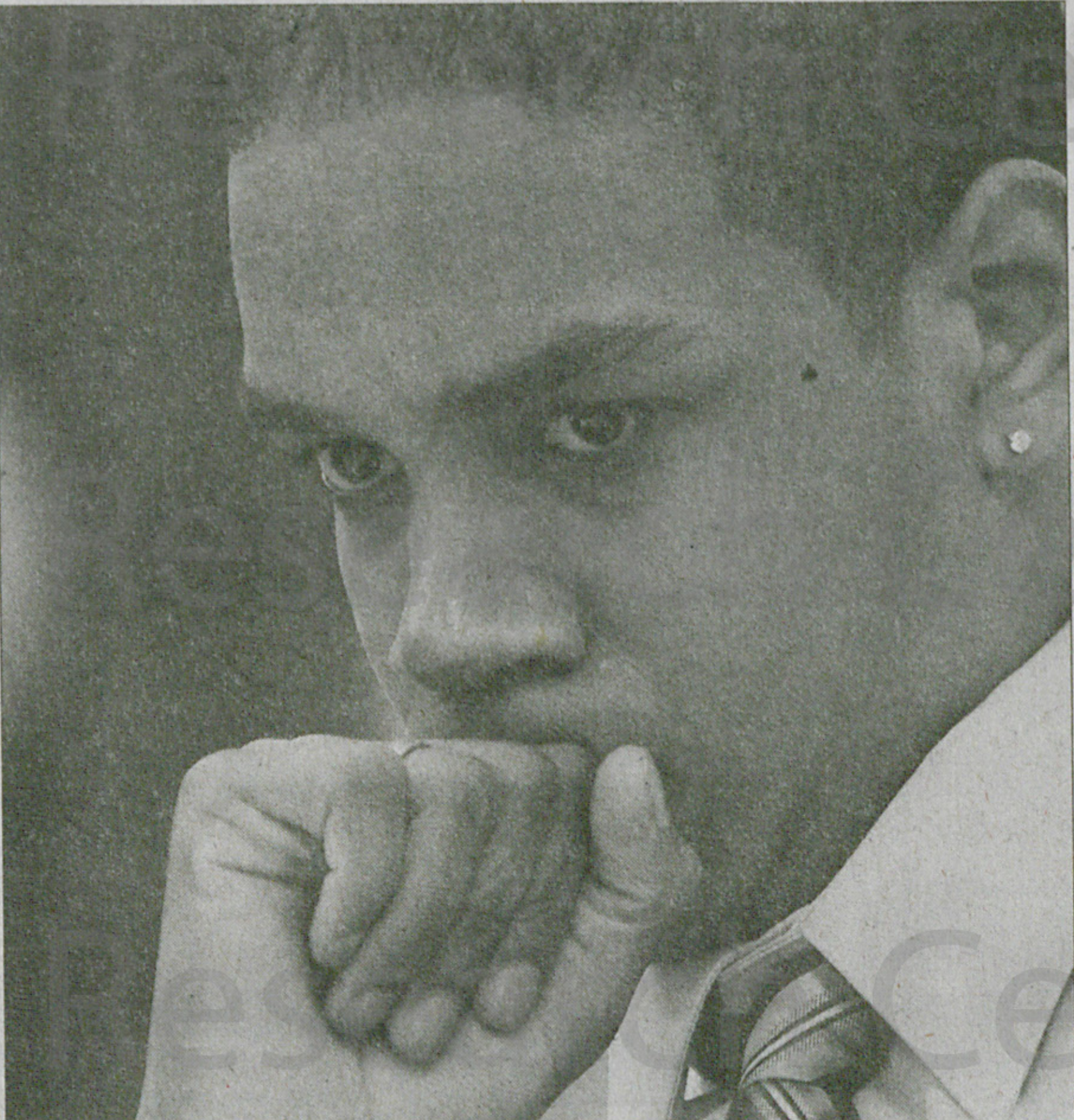
Like most students Alesha didn't take the program seriously and did not earn as much as she could have. "I only got 20 dollars at the first pay day but I plan on doing better, because people in my class got more money than me," Whitted said about her first payday.

"Today is about you," said Dr. Fryer, the professor responsible for Capital Gains, during the presentation.

"I didn't really think they would pay us just for doing good in school. I feel like I was already doing well, but I guess this is just something extra to help me," said Angelique Smith an 8th grader.

Fryer, a 30-year-old Harvard professor has already seen positive results from his Capital Gains program in the New York School System.

The predominantly black Family Academy School is an example of how cash incentive programs are in fact helping the overall morale and in fact raising grades and improving behavior. New York, Arkansas, Kentucky and Alabama also have cash incentive programs in hopes of changing academics and behaviors and now D.C. has been added to the short list.



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The new Capital Gains program has actually motivated D.C. students to earn better grades.

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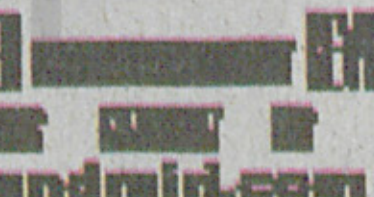
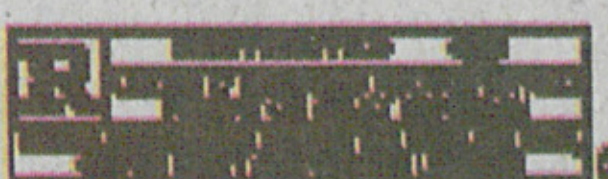
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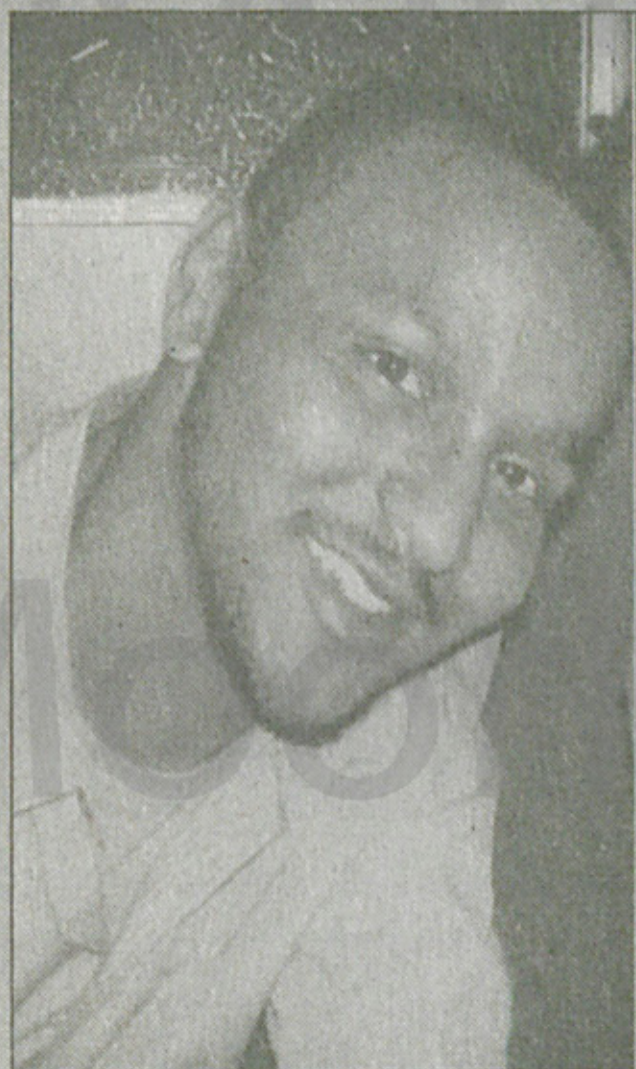
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The Dirt



BY LENZY BETTERS
Contributing Columnist

Askmen.com has just revealed the 2008 edition of their annual "Top 49 Most Influential Men of 2008" list. It's no surprise that **Sen. Barack Obama** was chosen by readers as No. 1. Other notable men mentioned include 17. **Kanye West**, 18. **Kobe Bryant**, 20. **LeBron James**, and 49. **Lil' Wayne**. Unsurprisingly, **Sen. John McCain** trails behind Obama at number 10.

In much funnier news, it looks like Howard University Homecoming Grand Marshal aka Slick Back aka **Terrence Howard** got a little bit of a surprise.

Apparently, everyone with an Internet connection and an e-mail account heard that Howard got booted from the "Iron Man" sequel except him.

"It was the surprise of a lifetime," Howard said. "There was no explanation. [The contract] just up and vanished. I read something in the trades implicating that it was about money or something, but apparently the contracts that we write and sign aren't worth the paper that they're printed on, sometimes. Promises aren't kept, and good faith negotiations aren't always held up."

Word has it that **Don Cheadle** has been tapped to cover the role. Whatever — anything is better than McCreepy.

Let's "play in the snow" a little bit.

Britney Spears is making news for breaking a record previously held by **T.I.** Spears' new single "Womanizer" is blowing up the charts (seriously people???) and has made the leap from 98 to No. 1, her highest-ranking single since her 1999 hit "Baby One More Time."

This new record comes after T.I.'s two record-setting leaps of 71 to 1 and 80 to 1 with "Whatever You Like" and "Live Your Life," respectively.

Guy Ritchie finally realized he married an aging skeleton sex monster and has decided to divorce **Madonna**. Richie is reportedly getting \$60M in the settlement. Madonna, devastated by Ritchie's decision, said,

"Guy's turned out to be such a gold-digger. ... I thought we'd been on a spiritual journey together for the past ten years — but obviously I was wrong. He's just after my money."

"I've worked my ass off for the last 30 years to get what I have, and now this gold-digger wants to take it from me," she added.

In the words of the great Kanye West, "If you ain't no punk, holla 'We want prenu WE WANT PRENU!' Yeah. It's something that you need to have, 'cause when she leave yo ass, she gone leave with half."

This news is inspiring, male gold-diggers. I'm moving to Atlanta immediately to get me one of them "Real House Wives."

Bettters provides more daily content at Lenzism.com.

Weaves May be Risky, Also Require TLC

BY JENERRA C. ALBERT
Staff Writer

Getting a hair weave is a part of the African-American culture, but being aware of the effects a weave can have on hair is important for healthy hair care.

Whether a weave is sewn, glued or bonded in, there may be risks.

False braids, waves and even wigs can cause hair breakage. The chemicals used to make the synthetic hair can damage natural hair as well.

Though there may be risks, Nneoma Ohia-enyia, a sophomore biology major, feels the damages that occur with hair weaves outweigh the damages that result from styling one's natural hair daily.

According to Ohia-enyia, weaving hair is "worth it" because although there is damage, it is minimal compared to daily hair routines which may consist of using heat and gel.

"With weave, all you do is comb it out and go," she said. "Styling your own hair every morning is worse."

Lakisha Abney, a professional stylist at Joya's Total Imaging Studio in Washington, D.C., explained that getting a hair weave does come with risks but there are ways to minimize damage.

"People forget that you have to treat it like its your own," Abney said.

"[Come get] the weave shampooed, blow-dried and curled just like it's your hair," Abney said. "Do the same thing you would if it was yours."

Enhancing one's own hair with weaves should be done and maintained in the healthiest manner possible so that having long, false hair can be more of a beauty than a burden.

"Most people leave them in too long," Abney said. "Once the cornrows start to get old, they break off."

According to Abney, leaving the braids in for too long causes "exceptional breakage" because it will begin to lift and eventually break off.

To prevent such breakage, Abney suggested that after six weeks, braids be taken down and shampooed and conditioned before re-weaving.

However, it is crucial that, for the sake of the braids, they are not left in longer than five to six weeks.

"I always find that after a certain point the braids become too weak to uphold," said Brittany Harris, a sophomore broadcast journalism major. "Aside from



Hair weaves allow the wearer to experiment with different lengths, textures and colors, but they still require maintenance. Stylist Lakisha Abney advises those who wear weaves to get them "shampooed, blow-dried and curled just like your own hair."

having my weave glued in, I feel that the worst experiences with weave come from leaving them in too long."

Harris said that taking out the braids is a "big hassle" and combing the hair afterward "is awful."

Abney said that the best method

for weaving is using a net.

"A net gives more support, especially if you don't have edges," she said. "It is better for the hair and the hair can breathe underneath."

Abney suggested that damaged hair be shampooed and conditioned ev-

ery two weeks and receive protein treatments as well.

After the weave has been removed, she recommends getting a breakage treatment to repair any damage the weave may have caused.

STREET SMARTS 101

Exercise

BY JESSICA MORRIS
Contributing Writer

At 6 a.m., while many students are still fast asleep, Xenia Wright is lacing up her shoes and preparing for her daily run.

Five days a week, Wright, a second-year Howard University law student, motivates herself to get her exercise in early before starting her busy school day.

"I know if I didn't exercise in the morning, I would not have time to fit it in the rest of my day," Wright said.

She said she enjoys running in the morning because it boosts her energy and gives her "a positive feeling for the rest of the day."

The Department of Health and Human Services recently released the first-ever official physical activity recommendation report for adults. It stated that adults should perform 150 minutes of moderate physical activity or 75 minutes of vigorous physical activity each week.

"It's hard for me to fit exercise in my schedule," said Brittani Eubank, a senior legal communications major. "I think about it on a daily basis, but I'm so busy with school, work and my internship that when I get a break, I just want to relax."

She said, "I am trying to work it in more though; I do enjoy the benefits of it."

Finding time to exercise is a common problem for students whose schedules often don't offer much free time.

"To meet the guidelines for physical activity, basically anything counts as long as it's done at a moderate or vigorous intensity for at least 10 minutes," said Andrew Lewis, a personal trainer at Fitness Together in Silver Spring, Md.

"It's really not hard to get the recommended amount of exercise," Lewis said. "A simple 20 minutes of exercise a day can meet the requirement."

Senior legal communications major

Kristal Morris finds lack of motivation to be a problem in getting exercise and listens to music or exercises with a friend for encouragement.

"I sometimes have trouble getting motivated," said Morris. "When I'm tired, my body just tells me to rest, so I have to find ways to keep myself motivated to work out."

Lewis said that it is important to find different ways in order to get the recommended amount of exercise in order to avoid the "many health problems that can arise from lack of a healthy lifestyle."

He said, "There are too many unhealthy people in the world and 20 minutes a day can make a very positive difference."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over one-third of Americans are obese, which means they have a body mass index of 30 or more. The group most highly affected by obesity is African-American women, of whom 53 percent are obese.

To combat this problem, some students are turning to alternative forms of exercise to stay fit.

"I'm always on the look out for a new class," said Amaris Noble, a senior public relations major. "I love pilates, yoga and kickboxing. Recently I've wanted to try the aerobic pole-dancing class I've heard about."

Noble said she prefers to vary her workouts in order to stay motivated.

With so many options, it can be easy for students to find what works best for them.

Lewis said whether people like to work out alone or in groups, there are options for everyone.

"If you are looking for a good, short workout, you can always fit in a quick run or walk," he said. "There really is no excuse — your body and your health should be your top priority."

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- by Aleesa Mann, Life & Style Editor

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Janet Schwartz - World News Mexico (KRT)

U.S. Gives Mexico Millions For Anti-Drug Initiative

The United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice announced that Mexico should soon be receiving the \$400 million anti-narcotics aid package, also known as the Merida Initiative, last Thursday.

The bill was approved by Congress this summer in attempts to help Mexico end its deadly war on drugs. The bill was stalled so that the Bush administration could ensure that Mexico was adhering to human rights standards and other international laws.

Although America has its own drug problem, it is important that the aid be given to other countries because a large amount of America's drugs are smuggled from other countries. The anti-narcotics initiative is an example of positive foreign diplomacy, something that has been almost non-existent during Bush's presi-

dency. The upcoming presidential election will also affect the Merida Initiative, since Bush will be leaving office in January.

Despite this forthcoming transaction, Rice reassured Pa-

drugs.

Since the negotiation between the United States and Mexico began, Mexican President Felipe Calderon has tried to regain control of territories that were taken over by powerful drug cartels.

In response, the cartels have assassinated security officials and beheaded those in opposition. In addition to the Merida Initiative, Rice and Espinosa also entered an agreement that stated that the United States and Mexico would assist one another during a natural disaster.

The violent war on drugs that is afflicting Mexico needs to be addressed and it is encouraging to know that the United States has interest in this situation. The \$400 million package has the capability of not only helping those in Mexico, but also improving the drug problem in other countries, including the United States itself.

Our View:

The Merida Initiative is a positive reflection of the United States' role in the war against drugs.

tricia Espinosa, Mexico's prime minister, that the verification process should be over soon. Meanwhile, Mexican officials in favor of the aid package continue to urge America to provide assistance.

The Mexican government says it will use the \$400 million to purchase planes and train police officers and soldiers to implement a national campaign against

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